Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently amended) A method for simultaneous separate multicomponent ~~multiepitope~~ detection of an analyte in a sample, the analyte comprising at least two analyte-specific components ~~epitopes~~, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a solid phase comprising a non-porous support, a first and a second spatially separate test area, and at least a first and a second receptor, the first and second receptors binding specifically with said analyte but to different analyte-specific components ~~epitopes of the analyte~~, the first receptor binding specifically with the analyte via a first analyte-specific component and the second receptor binding specifically with the analyte via a second analyte-specific component, the first receptor bound directly or indirectly to the first test area and the second receptor bound directly or indirectly to the second test area, there being no more than one type of analyte-specific receptor bound per test area and there being an inert surface between the test areas which does not bind to the analyte or other sample components,

(b) contacting the sample with the solid phase and with a detection reagent comprising one or more third receptors ~~a third receptor~~ that bind specifically ~~binds~~ with the analyte and that are ~~is~~ bound directly or indirectly to a signal generating group, and

(c) separately determining presence or amount of the signal generating group bound ~~separately~~ to the first and the second test areas via said ~~the~~ analyte, as a measure of the analyte in said sample.

45. (Previously amended) The method of claim 44 where in the analyte is selected from the group consisting of HIVI, HIV II, HBV, and HCV-antibodies and HIV antigens.

46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 44 wherein each test area has a diameter of 0.01 to 1 mm.

47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 44 wherein the solid phase further comprises a control area.

48. (Currently amended) The method of claim 44 wherein said detection reagent comprises a signal-generating reagent which is a universal detection reagent comprising labelled latex particles.

49. (Currently amended) A solid phase for simultaneous separate multicomponent ~~multiepitope~~ detection of an analyte in a sample, the analyte comprising at least two analyte-specific components ~~epitopes~~, the solid phase comprising a non-porous support, a first and a second spatially separate test area, and a first and a second receptor, the receptors binding specifically to the analyte but to different components ~~epitopes~~ of the analyte, the first receptor binding specifically with the analyte via a first analyte-specific component and the second receptor binding specifically with the analyte via a second analyte-specific component, the first receptor bound directly or indirectly to the first test area and the second receptor bound directly or indirectly to the second test area, there being no more than one analyte-specific receptor bound per test area, ~~and~~ there being an inert surface between the test areas which does not bind to the analyte or other sample components and wherein an analyte bound to the first test area is not simultaneously bound to the second test area.

50. (Previously presented) The solid phase of claim 49 wherein each test area has a diameter of 0.01 to 1 mm.

51. (Currently amended) A test kit for simultaneous separate multicomponent ~~multiepitope~~ detection of an analyte in a sample, the analyte comprising at least two analyte-specific components ~~epitopes~~, the test kit comprising a solid phase according to claim 49 and a detection reagent comprising a third receptor that binds with the analyte and that is bound to a signal generating group.

52. (Currently amended) The test kit of claim 51 wherein said detection reagent comprises a signal-generating reagent which is a universal detection reagent comprising labelled latex particles.

53-72. (Cancelled)

73. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the at least two analyte-specific components in the sample comprise at least two different analyte-specific antigens or at least two different analyte-specific antibodies or at least one analyte-specific antigen and one analyte-specific antibody.

74. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the presence or amount of the analyte in said sample is determined by the presence or amount of the signal generating group bound to the first and the second test areas via the at least two analyte-specific components and via a test area-specific cut-off.